

REMARKS

This supplemental response is being submitted to change the filing status of the Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 20, 2010. Applicants respectfully request that the filing status of this Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 be changed to an Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.111.

Specifically, the Official Action dated July 20, 2010, was non-final. The Amendment and Response submitted on December 20, 2010, indicated the Official Action dated July 20, 2010, as being final. Applicants respectfully request that the Amendment and Response filed on December 20, 2010, be considered by the Examiner as being an Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.111.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) was filed with the Amendment and Response submitted on December 20, 2010. Applicants respectfully request this RCE being withdrawn. A Request for Refund was separately submitted on December 21, 2010, also requesting the RCE to be withdrawn. Please find attached a copy thereof.

CONCLUSION

Applicants assert that the claims are in condition for immediate allowance and early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner deem that any further action by Applicants' undersigned representative is desirable and/or necessary, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number set forth below.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

Respectfully submitted,

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